The Falkland Society

Bruce Manson will speak on 'Local History Carved in Stone'

7:00 p.m., Wednesday 12 June 2019
at the Stables, Falkland Estate KY15 7AF

All welcome, retiring collection.

Bruce Manson is Chair of Markinch Heritage Group. An early interest in archaeology led him to discover the Romano-British civil settlement at Inveresk, later fully excavated by several distinguished archaeologists. After a career that involved lecturing, regional planning, business development and external relations, he returned to a love of archaeology after he retired in 2012. Since then he has organised three professionally-led excavations in and around Markinch and is currently carrying out an investigation into the building and development of Markinch parish church and tower from 12th to 19th century. His writings include *Fife, Why a Kingdom*? and *MacDuff's Kirk? The Construction and Reconstruction of St Drostan's Church Markinch.*

'Local History Carved in Stone' follows the history of Bruce's parish from the Neolithic to the Age of Steam by interpreting the marks made on stone by generations of stone cutters and masons.

The handiwork of craftsmen and women down through the centuries has been destroyed by war, revolution or simply the harsh Scottish climate, but the work of the stone carver endures as a perpetual memorial to the craft and the crafter. Because of the material's unique durability we can observe around us marks made on stone going back thousands of years, but what can we deduce about those who made the marks and the world that they lived in? Bruce takes as an example his own parish of Markinch, known for its Neolithic henge, its 12th century church and its 15th century castle.

Bruce's talk concludes our 2018–19 series of lectures. If you'd like to be kept in touch with future Falkland Society events, sign up to our mailing list using the form at **www.falklandsociety.org.uk/contact.shtml**.